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SUBJECT: SC MEETING ON CYPRUS: CALL ON IO ASSISTANT

SECRETARY BUFFUM BY TURKISH CHARGE YEGEN

1. TURKISH CHARGE YEGEN CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BUFFUM MORNING FEBRUARY 18 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING SC
MEETINGS ON CYPRUS. YEGEN SAID THAT TURKEY WAS CONCERNED
OVER WHAT IT SAW AS TWO BASIC CYPRIOT OBJECTIVES IN SC
MEETINGS. THESE WERE TO OBTAIN A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR
A BROADLY BASED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CYPRIOT
QUESTION, AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS, OR, AS A
FIRST MOVE TOWARD SUCH INTERNATIONALIZATION, AN SC FACT-
FINDING MISSION TO CYPRUS. YEGEN ASKED THE US TO GIVE SAME
SUPPORT TO TURKISH DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION OR RESUMPTION OF
INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS THAT IT HAD IN PREVIOUS SC MEETINGS ON
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CYPRUS.

2. BUFFUM REAFFIRMED US OPPOSITION TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS QUESTION OR TO SENDING SC MISSION WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A FIRST STEP TOWARDS SUCH INTERNATIONALIZATION. HE ASSURED YEGEN THAT THE US WOULD WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH TURKEY HOPING TO OBTAIN RENEWAL OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WHICH WAS COMMON GOAL OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. BUFFUM NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE US TO REGRET PUBLICLY RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A TURKISH CYPRIOT ENTITY BECAUSE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONSTITUTED AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE PROGRESS OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YEGEN'S REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER CHELIK BEFORE SC, BUFFUM ASKED WHAT STATUS CHELIK WOULD SEEK TO ASSUME IN THE SC. YEGEN RESPONDED WITH A LONG EXPLANATION OF STATUS OF NEW TURKISH ENTITY ON CYPRUS. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THIS ENTITY IS QTE THE TURKISH COMPONENT OF THE FUTURE FEDERATED REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS UNQTE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE INDEPENDENT STATE WITH SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL STATUS. THIS ARRANGEMENT HAD BECOME NECESSARY BECAUSE IT WAS NO LONGER TOLERABLE FOR THE TURKS ON CYPRUS TO FACE SITUATION IN WHICH GREEK CYPRIOTS CLAIMED THAT THEY CONSTITUTED SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND TURKS WERE CHARACTERIZED AS SEPARATISTS OR REBELS. RETURNING TO QUESTION OF CHELIK'S STATUS IN THE SC, YEGEN INDICATED WITHOUT SAYING SO SPECIFICALLY THAT CHELIK WOULD PROBABLY CHARACTERIZE HIMSELF IN ASKING TO BE HEARD BY THE SC AS HE HAD FOR PREVIOUS SC MEETINGS. (WE CONSIDER THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE TOO HEAVILY RELIED UPON SINCE YEGEN INDICATED UNFAMILIARITY WITH THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SC.)

4. IN CLOSING THE CONVERSATION YEGEN EMPHASIZED THAT TURKEY BELIEVES THAT MAKARIOS IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THEM IN GOOD FAITH UNTIL ALL OTHER CHANNELS ARE EXHAUSTED. IT IS CLEAR TO TURKEY THAT MAKARIOS HAS CONTROL OVER CLERIDES AS INDICATED BY THE LATEST GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WHICH WERE CLEARLY WRITTEN BY MAKARIOS AND INTENDED TO BE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS THEY ARE, UNACCEPTABLE TO, AND UNDISCUSSABLE BY, TURKEY. THESE PROPOSALS CLING TO THE 1963 AGREEMENT WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES RENDERED OUTDATED BY FLOUTING IT. YEGEN SAID THAT TURKEY BELIEVES THAT IF MAKARIOS FAILS TO GET HIS WAY IN THE SC, HE WILL TURN TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE CITED AS EVIDENCE FOR THIS THE CYPRIOT NEAR-ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE PLANES AND OTHER AVIATION ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH

THE REOPENING OF THE LARNACA AIRPORT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEES SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY
ANY INFORMATION WHICH THEY DEVELOP ON CHELIK'S LIKELY
CHARACTERIZATION OF HIS STATUS IN SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE SC MEETINGS. INGERSOLL

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